GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF LITCHI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantum of litchi produced in various areas/States of the country during the last two years;

(b) the total hectare of land under cultivation in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has worked out some specific schemes in view of the challenge posed by the WTO;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The available State-wise information on area and production of litchi in the country is given in the statement at Annexure-I.

(c)to(e): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plan in which development of fruits including litchi is one of the component. Under this scheme the State Government can take up programme as per their felt need and priority. Assistance is being provided for production and distribution of planting material of improved varieties through nurseries, technology transfer through training and demonstrations and setting up of infrastructure facilities for disease forecasting units and plant health clinics for enabling production of good quality fruits at competitive rates for meeting the challenge posed by WTO norms.

ANNEXURE-I

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF LITCHI IN INDIA

Area (in 000` ha)

Production (in 000` tonnes)

S.No.	States	2000-01		2001-02	
		Area	Production	Area	Production
1.	Bihar	25.3	303.3	27.7	221.7
2.	West Bengal	4.2	42	5.9	61.4
3.	Assam	4.1	18.4	4.1	18.7
4.	Punjab	1.2	11.5	1.2	11.6
5.	Tripura	1.6	8.9	1.7	9
6.	Uttranchal	8.9	8.8	8.8	7.5
7	Nagaland	0.8	4	0.8	4

8. Others	7.5	15.1	8	22.3
Total	53.6	412	58.2	356.2